

# Greensheet

## Issue #35



**CART**  
CAPITAL AREA RECYCLING AND TRASH  
[www.lansingrecycles.com](http://www.lansingrecycles.com)

It's been very exciting for the CART team lately. We have just completed the distribution of over 37,000 new recycling carts! We hope that Lansing residents enjoy using them and find recycling to be easier and more convenient. The carts will not only be better for residents, they will also make the recycling truck driver's job safer and faster. The environment benefits too! We expect to double the amount of recycling picked up at the curb. Some reminders about the recycling program:

- Pick up is every other week
- The old recycling bins can either be kept for your own use or recycled by placing them out at the curb with the new cart.



**We enjoy hearing from you - please let us know what you think about the new carts. Contact CART at 483-4400 or [recycle@lansingmi.gov](mailto:recycle@lansingmi.gov). Also comments can be left at our newly revamped website: [www.lansingrecycles.com](http://www.lansingrecycles.com)**



**CART Hotline: (517) 483-4400**

**E-Mail: [recycle@lansingmi.gov](mailto:recycle@lansingmi.gov)**

**Website: [www.lansingrecycles.com](http://www.lansingrecycles.com)**

# Residential Guide to Single-Stream Recycling



File folders, office paper  
& gift wrapping paper



Cartons



#1-#2 and #4-#7 Plastic containers  
(no Styrofoam)



Aluminum & Metal Cans

Newspapers,  
Magazines,  
Brochures &  
Inserts



Paperboard boxes  
(cereal, pasta, & tissue)



Corrugated cardboard &  
Paper bags



Household scrap metal

## NO NEED TO REMOVE:

Paper clips, stamps,  
address labels, staples,  
metal fasteners,  
cellophane address  
windows, rubber bands,  
spiral bindings, plastic tabs



Phonebooks

Greeting cards,  
regular &  
junk mail



Glass bottles & jars  
(all colors)



Bulky Rigid Plastic  
(buckets, chairs, toys)

## NO

- Plastic Bags
- Styrofoam containers
- Wire hangers
- Window panes, mirrors, ceramics & Pyrex dishware
- Organic material and food waste
- Electronic waste (batteries, cell phones, computers, etc.)
- Paint, pesticides, oil & cleaners
- Waxed cardboard
- Needles or syringes
- #3 Plastics

Empty and rinse all containers.

Everything, including cardboard,  
must fit inside cart with lid closed.

**Please follow these guidelines  
and set your cart out by 7:00 am.**



Use your smartphone  
to scan this QR code  
and visit us online @  
[lansingrecycles.com](http://lansingrecycles.com)



Virg Bernero, Mayor



# Recycling & Yard Waste Information



Place all items at the curb by 7 a.m. on collection day. Containers must be off the curb by 7 p.m. Recyclables must be set out with green recycling carts.

## PLACE ALL ITEMS LOOSE IN CART

No need to sort materials. See "Residential Guide to Single Stream Recycling" in this newsletter for details.



Recycling is picked up every other week.

Please refer to the following detailed list of acceptable materials:

### Glass:

Transparent and translucent food and beverage bottles and containers. Paper labels are acceptable as are rings and lids on glass containers. All colors of glass are accepted.

### Corrugated Cardboard and Paper Bags:

Flatten and cut down to 2' x 2'. Can be damp but not soaked. Pizza boxes free of food are acceptable. Wax-coated old corrugated containers are not acceptable.

### Boxboard:

Commonly used in dry food and cereal boxes, shoe boxes, and other similar packaging.

### Tin/Steel Cans:

Food and beverage containers, paper labels are acceptable.

### Aluminum:

Used beverage containers and foil clean of food.

### Household Scrap Metal:

Including metal pots and pans, metal trays, metal bakeware, toasters, metal utensils, etc. NO METAL HANGERS.

### Household Plastic Containers:

#1, #2 and #4 through #7 - excluding Styrofoam and #3 PVC

### Bulky Rigid Plastics:

Including buckets, crates, toys, trays, furniture, barrels, etc.

### Cartons:

Including milk and juice cartons (a.k.a. aseptic containers).

### Paper:

Includes office paper, household writing paper, post-its, all residential mail including envelopes (manila and regular), copier paper, note pad paper, loose leaf fillers, computer paper (continuous-form perforated white bond or green-bar paper), shredded office paper placed in clear plastic bags, file folders, and card stock.

**Newspapers:** Including inserts.

**Magazines:** Including catalogues, glossy flyers or mailers.

**Telephone books**

**Clean Gift Wrapping Paper:** no bows or ribbons.

## Yard Waste (collected weekly from April through November)



Place leaves, grass clippings and other organic yard waste on the curbside in paper bags on your normal collection day.

Paper lawn care bags are available at most grocery & hardware stores.

Brush and tree trimmings must be less than 4 feet in length and less than 2 inches in diameter. Bundle securely with string or twine, or place in paper bags. PLEASE NO WIRE

Bags and bundles must be appx 30 lbs or less.

# Trash Disposal Information (weekly collection)



Place all items at the curb by 7:00 a.m. on collection day. Containers must be off the curb by 7:00 p.m. Bags of trash must not exceed 30 pounds and must be visible from the street. Separate recyclable materials and yard waste from trash. Guidelines on pages 2 and 3.

**NO hazardous waste, herbicide, pesticides, wet paint, ash or coals, gasoline, or other explosive materials.** Double bag animal waste and diapers. Properly dispose of needles and lancets by placing in plastic bottle or other rigid container before putting into household trash.

Did you know that the City of Lansing has provided trash collection services for 100 years? This makes us the leader in convenient and affordable weekly curbside pickup. Our range of services and multiple cart sizes are sure to meet the needs of any size household.

*Get signed up today with a quick phone call to 483-4400.*

## Blue Trash Cart Service

These convenient and strong roll-out carts are for trash only. All trash in the carts must be bagged. Bagging trash will help keep carts clean and minimize odors.

Front door pick up is available.  
Call 483-4400 for details.



## Select the cart size that suits your needs:

32 -gallon cart	65-gallon cart	95-gallon cart
\$40 for 3 months	\$45 for 3 months	\$51 for 3 months

Prices subject to change.

**Pre-paid service is billed quarterly with 4 convenient ways to pay:**

**By Phone**

Call 483-4400



### By Mail:

Send check or money order to:

City of Lansing, CART  
601 E. South Street  
Lansing, MI 48910

### In Person:

City of Lansing, Treasurer's Office  
1<sup>st</sup> floor of City Hall  
124 W. Michigan Ave.  
Lansing, MI 48933

### Pay online at:

[www.lansingrecycles.com](http://www.lansingrecycles.com)

## Blue City Trash Bags

Blue bags are available at many local grocery and convenience stores at a cost of \$8.75 for a package of five 30-gallon bags (prices subject to change).

Visit [www.lansingrecycles.com](http://www.lansingrecycles.com) for complete list of locations.



## Bulk Trash Items

Large items over 30 pounds and longer than 4 feet, such as appliances or furniture, require a bulk collection sticker. Each individual item must be tagged.

Stickers are available at courtesy desks of many local grocery stores for \$33.00 per sticker (*prices subject to change*).

Call the CART Hotline at 483-4400 for a list of stores selling bulk-item stickers. Free bulk stickers are available to low income residents. Call 483-4400 for details.

*Note: Refrigerator and freezer doors MUST be removed.*



## Hazardous Waste

The Ingham County Health Department collects household hazardous waste, such as pesticides, chemicals and oil-based paints every Thursday from 2-6 p.m., May – September.



Unwanted medicines, including prescription or over-the-counter, are also accepted at this site. Controlled substances and vitamins/minerals are not accepted. Pills or capsules must be taken out of bottles or blister packs and placed in a sealable bag. Individual prescriptions can be mixed together in one bag. Liquids can stay in the original container. Personal information must be removed or blacked out. Call 887-4521 for more info.

## Compact Fluorescent Light Bulbs (CFLs)

Double bag CFLs in sealable plastic bags and drop off at any of the following locations:

- **Board of Water and Light**  
Customer Service Center  
1232 Haco Drive  
8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m., M-F
- **Any Home Depot Store**
- **Ingham County Hazardous Waste Collection**
- Visit [www.recyclethatcfl.com](http://www.recyclethatcfl.com) for additional locations





# Holidays & Important Dates to Remember

## November

**11 - Veteran's Day.** Office closed on Monday. Collections will be delayed by one day all week. Thursday collections will be done Friday.

**25 -** Yard waste season ends the week of November 25th. Service will end your normal collection day during this week.

**28 - Thanksgiving.** Office closed on Thursday and Friday. Thursday collections will be done on Friday.

## December

**25 - Christmas.** Office closed on Tuesday and Wednesday. Collections delayed by one day on Wednesday and the rest of the week following. Thursday collections will be done on Friday.

**31 - New Year's Eve.** Office closed.



## January

**1 - New Year's Day.** Office closed. Collection delayed by one day on Wednesday and the rest of the week following. Thursday collection will be done on Friday.

**20 - Martin Luther King Day.** Office closed on Monday. Collection delayed on Monday and the rest of the week following. Thursday collection will be done on Friday.

## February

Normal collection schedule

## March

Normal collection schedule

Christmas trees will be picked up from the curbside for two weeks, from the week of December 30<sup>th</sup> thru the week of January 6<sup>th</sup> on your normal city collection day. Please make sure trees are free from plastic, ornaments and other materials. If taller than 6 ft, please cut in half.



The seasonal collection of leaves, grass, and other organic yard waste will end the week of November 25<sup>th</sup>, 2013. The last day of service is on your regular collection day that week.



# Recycle Rama



## Coming April 2014

Lansing's largest one day recycling event. Computers, electronics, books, scrap metals, household goods and much more will be accepted for free. More information will be posted at [www.lansingrecycles.com](http://www.lansingrecycles.com) as it becomes available.



# Curbside Collection Days

Recycling is picked up every other week. Trash and yard waste are picked up weekly on the same day as recycling. Please refer to the map and calendar for pick up days or take advantage of the collection day feature at: <http://www.lansingmi.gov/CARTScheduleMap>. Contact the CART hotline at 517/483-4400 for additional assistance.

## 2013 Recycling Collection Schedule

November							December						
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17	18	19	20	21	22	23	22	23	24	25	26	27	28
24	25	26	27	28	29	30	29	30	31				

## 2014 Recycling Collection Schedule

January							February							March						
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19	20	21	22	23	24	25	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	16	17	18	19	20	21	22
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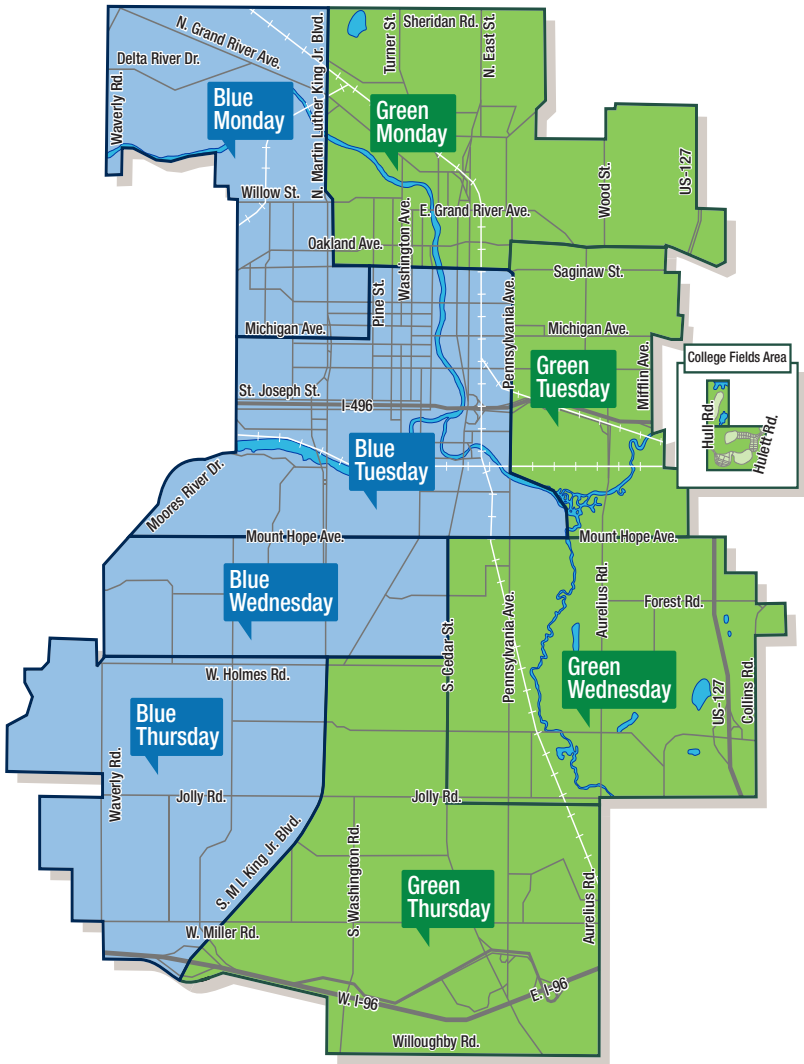
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July							August							September						
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October							November							December						
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26	27	28	29	30	31		23	24	25	26	27	28	29	28	29	30	31	1	2	3



## A new program for disposing of unwanted medicine



Currently there are few safe and convenient ways for consumers to dispose of unused prescription drugs. Twenty to sixty percent of prescription medications go unused and are eventually disposed. Nearly all unused pharmaceuticals enter either our solid waste system or our sewage system. Neither disposal method is environmentally sound. Pharmaceuticals flushed down the toilet pass through our sewage treatment plants, which are generally not designed to screen for these chemicals.

Pharmaceuticals discarded in landfills can seep into the surrounding water table. Several studies, including a 2002 analysis by US Geological Survey of 139 streams across 30 states found that 80 percent of waterways tested had measurable concentrations of prescription and nonprescription drugs, steroids, and reproductive hormones.

It is important to remember that many of these substances are biologically active. Simply put that means the ingredients can cause problems in humans and animals.

The Take Back Meds Program is a joint effort between local pharmacies, law enforcement, as well as government agencies to provide residents with safe, convenient access to proper medicine disposal. Take Back Meds includes many local pharmacies and law enforcement agencies accepting your unwanted medications.

Disposing of your medicines at one of these locations will ensure that your medicines will not be stolen from garbage, will not enter our environment and eliminates the potential for abuse and overdoses at home. Visit: <http://www.takebackmeds.org/> for more information and search for the nearest drop off locations by city or zip code.



## Holiday Light Exchange & Recycling



CART and the Board of Water & Light are working together to make it easy to recycle old lights and to get new, more energy efficient lights. Beginning on November 14, 2013 Lansing Board of Water & Light (BWL) residential electric customers can exchange two strands of working incandescent holiday lights for two FREE strands of energy-saving LED holidays while supplies last (limit of two strands per household). The exchange will end on November 27, 2013 or sooner if supplies run out.

The LED holiday exchange will take place at these locations:

BWL Customer Service Center  
M-F 9a.m. to 5p.m.  
1232 Haco Dr., Lansing, MI 48901

City of East Lansing, Department of Public Works Office  
M-F 8a.m. to 5 p.m.  
1800 East State Rd., East Lansing, MI 48823

Hannah Community Center  
M-F 6a.m. to 10p.m.  
Sat 8a.m. to 8 p.m.  
Sun Noon to 8 p.m.  
819 Abbott Rd., East Lansing, MI 48823

You must be a BWL residential electric customer to qualify. Bring a valid Michigan ID and a current BWL electric bill to participate.







Virg Bernero, Mayor



**Public Service Department  
Operations and Maintenance Division  
Capital Area Recycling and Trash**  
601 East South Street  
Lansing, Michigan 48910

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**To Our Friends At:**

**CART HOTLINE  
517.483.4400**

Find us online at: [www.lansingrecycles.com](http://www.lansingrecycles.com)  
or email us at: [recycle@lansingmi.gov](mailto:recycle@lansingmi.gov)

*Recycling, it's CARTagious!*



*Please Recycle  
This Newsletter*

## Protecting our Water Supply is Everyone's Responsibility

Stormwater is water from rain or melted snow that does not soak into the ground. This water eventually ends up in our streams, lakes and rivers. If carrying pollutants with it, it can result in bacteria and parasites from animal waste getting into the water supply, drinking water contamination and other problems. There are many easy things people can do to minimize stormwater pollution and to keep our water clean.

- Store chemicals, including pesticides and cleaners, in secondary containment. This will prevent accidental spills from reaching storm drains.
- Dispose of animal waste properly.
- Clean up trash and debris from paved surfaces around your home.
- Educate yourself - there is an abundance of information and resources available at: [www.miwaterstewardship.org](http://www.miwaterstewardship.org)



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this QR code and visit us online  
@ [lansingrecycles.com](http://lansingrecycles.com)

**The last day for yard waste collection  
will be on your normal  
collection day the week of  
November 25, 2013.  
Collections will resume the  
week of March 31, 2014**

